



STATUS OF REGULATIONS AND NEW FUNDING

Industry Perspective (PEI)

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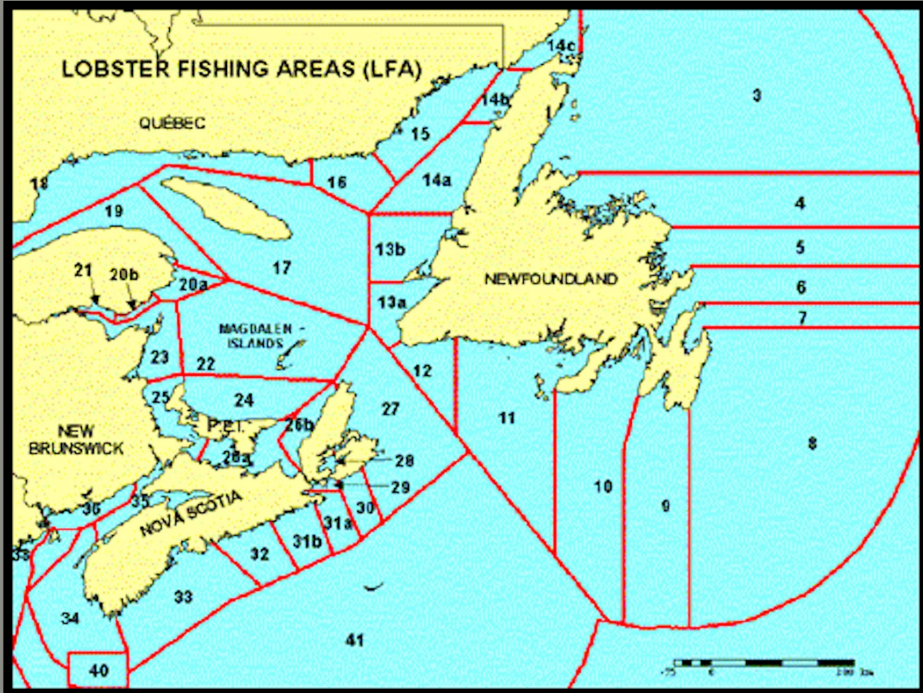
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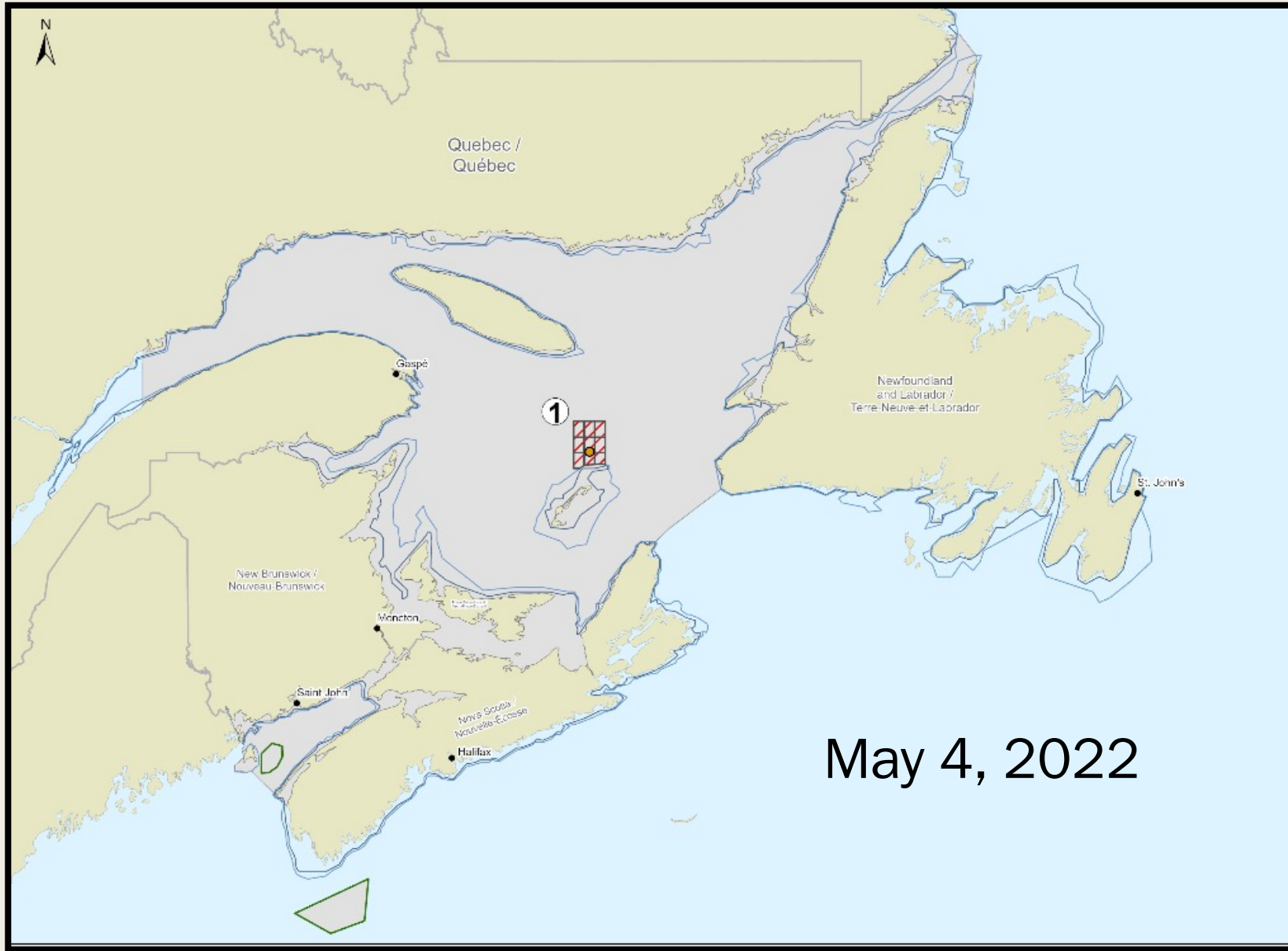
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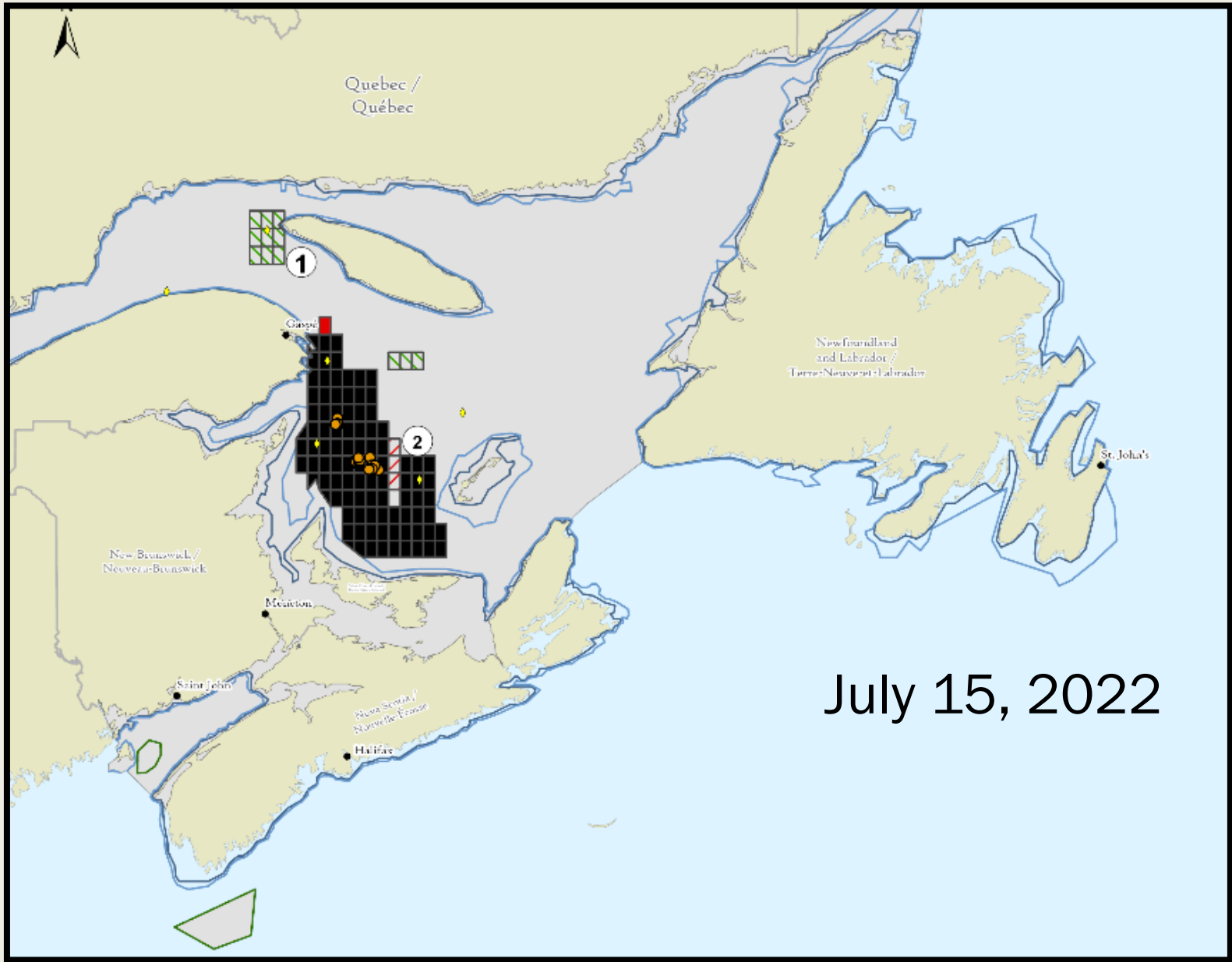


Where are we?



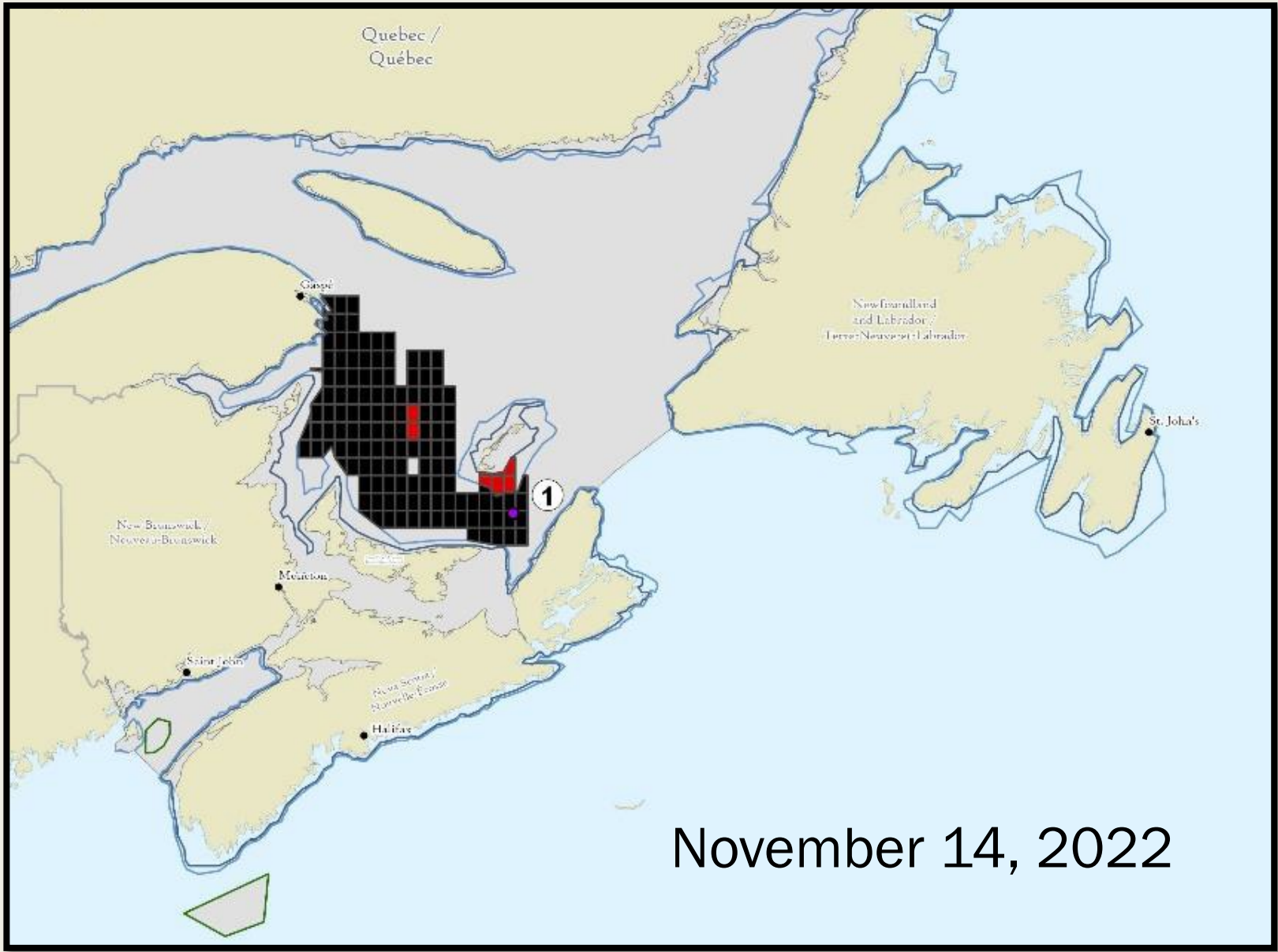


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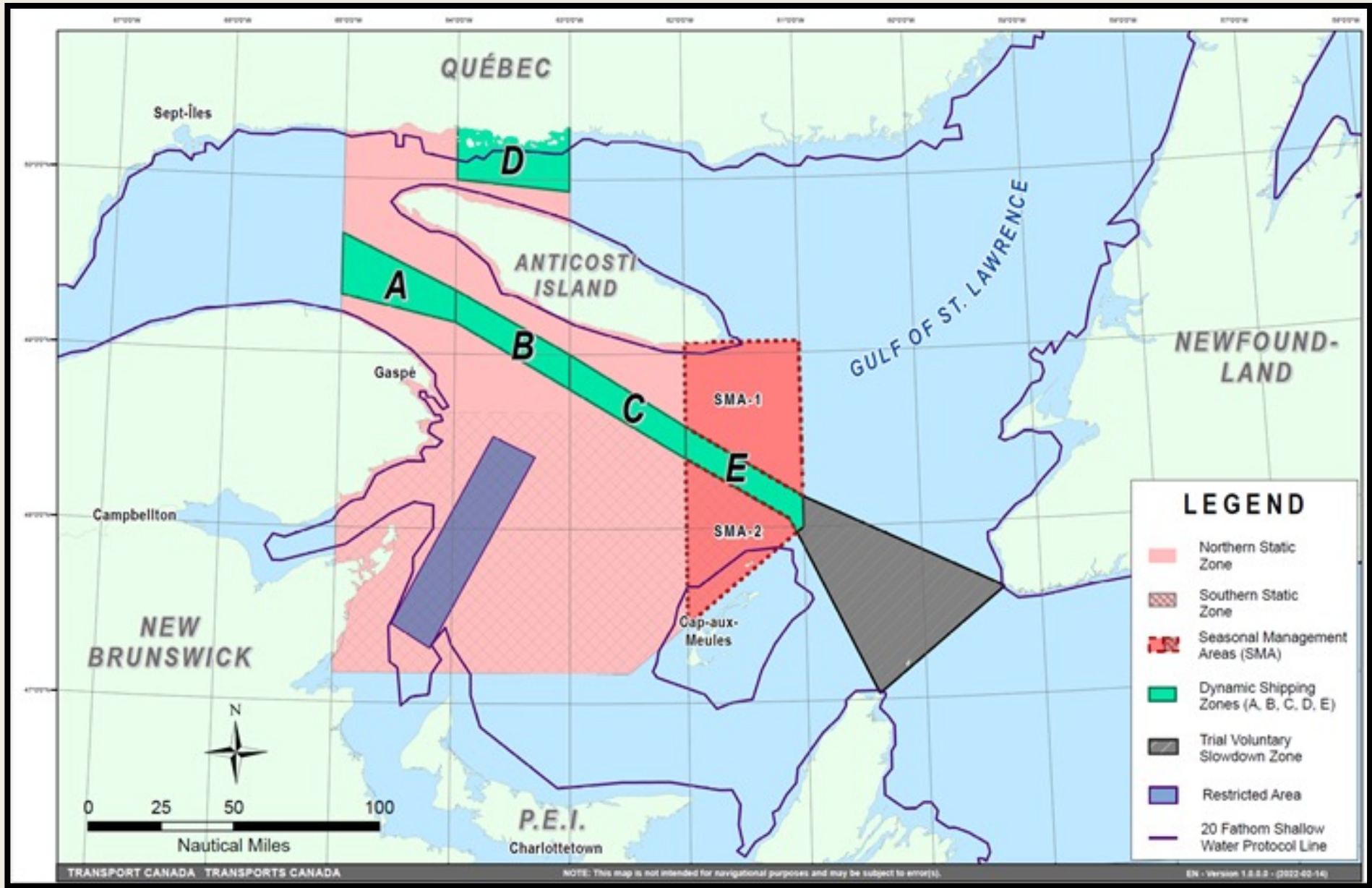




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Whalesafe Gear Adoption Fund - DFO

The primary objective of the WSGF is to support activities that will help harvesters adopt gear designed to **prevent** and **alleviate** whale entanglements into commercial fishery operations in Atlantic Canada and Quebec



- **Priority 1:** Purchase and adoption of existing low breaking strength or 'weak' gear and devices designed to alleviate whale entanglements, and of existing 'ropeless' gear, rope-on-demand gear, and related components designed to prevent whale entanglements.
- **Priority 2:** Purchase and tests, trials, or pilots...
- **Priority 3:** Manufacturing to achieve commercial availability...



Data Collection

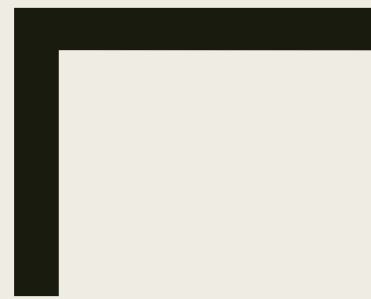
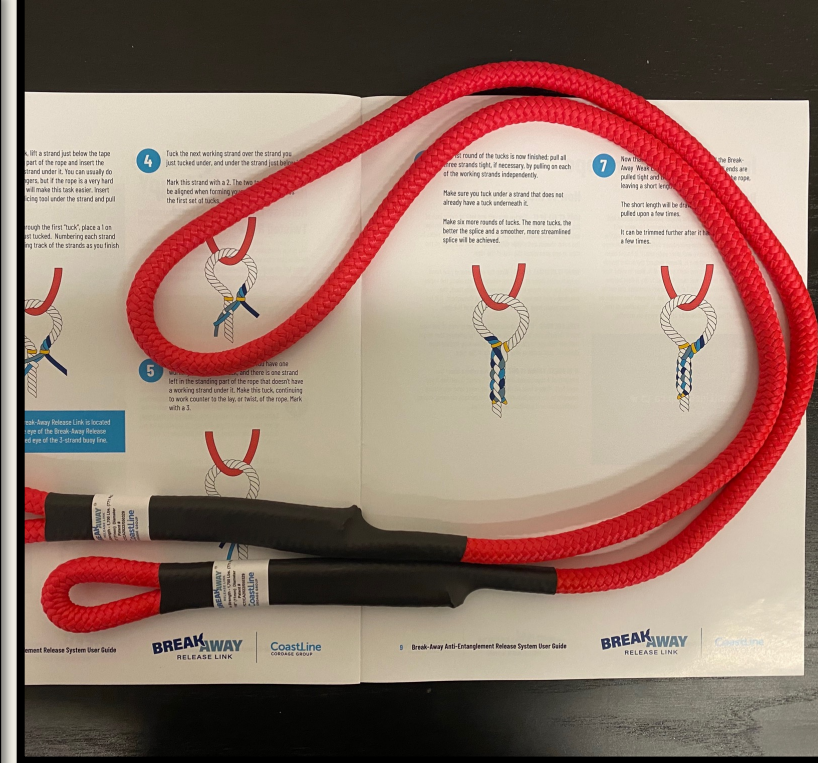
Survey

- Using Teams and Mail Chimp the PEIFA office staff asks the following questions:
 - *Name*
 - *Phone number*
 - *LFA*
 - *Harbour*
 - *# traps/trawl*
 - *Rope size*
 - *Trap material*
 - *Sinking line between traps*
 - *Fishing depths*
 - *Buoy line length (extensions)*

Breakage

- Before they can get additional gear to trial their data sheets must be returned (in-line with other organizations):
 - *Date of breakage*
 - *Type of link*
 - *Water depth*
 - *Type of bottom*
 - *Number of days used*
 - *Position in buoy line*
 - *Buoy length*
 - *Additional comments*



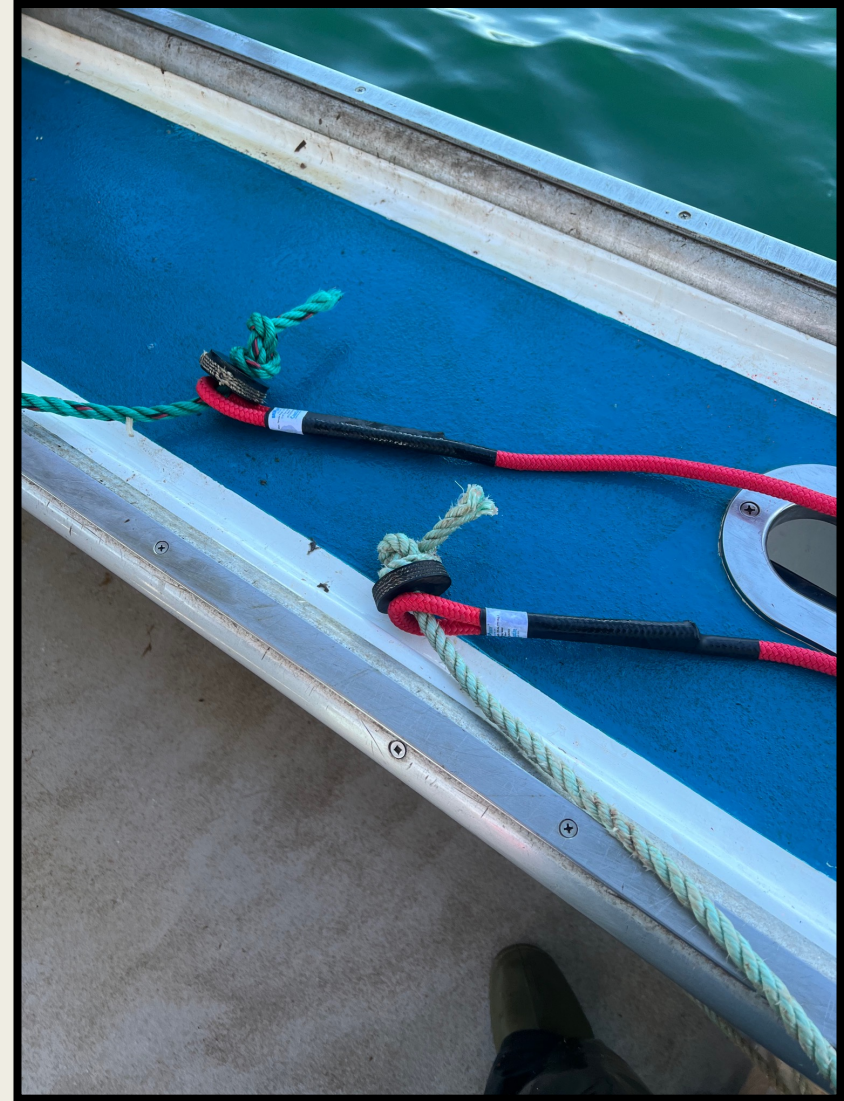


GEAR TYPES



Results??

- We are still in the middle of trials but anecdotally hear that the in-line links and weak rope are working the best.
- We will be sharing survey data with DFO to better share the PEI story and therefore find efficient solutions.
- The PEIFA results may be applicable to some of the Southern Gulf fleets, but not other areas.



Questions?



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